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Dr. Jane Henney
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
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Dear Commissioner Henney:


This is to add my voice to those urging you to ban or restrict the use of biotics in animal feeds.

Anti-biotics are miracle drugs. They have saved countless lives, including possibly my own. But the trick for maintaining their potency is preventing harmful bacteria from evolving drug-resistant strains. This is occurring far too fast. Unless we are careful much of the medical progress over the last 70 years will be lost.

The gain from the routine use of anti-biotics in animal feeds is minor. The likely cost resulting from their potency as a means of treating serious human illness is great.

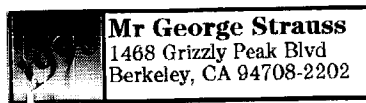
Please follow the World Health Organization's recommendation and the practice of many European countries: ban the use in animal feed those biotics which can be used to save human life.

Sincerely


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